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SUBJ: VISIT OF SWEDISH KING AND QUEEN TO BRAZIL

1. SUMMARY. THE UNOFFICIAL VACATION VISIT OF THE SWEDISH KING AND QUEEN TO BRAZIL DECEMBER 29, 1977 - JANUARY 16, 1978 WAS WIDELY COVERED IN THE BRAZILIAN PRESS. VISIT WAS UNEVENTFUL EXCEPT FOR MINOR DIFFICULTIES THE ROYAL COUPLE ENCOUNTER WITH AN OVEREAGER PRESS CORPS, KING AND QUEEN MADE COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT GEISEL, BUT KING STRESSED TO REPORTERS HE HAD NO MANDATE UNDER SWEDISH LAW TO DISCUSS OFFICIALLY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. KING AND QUEEN OF SWEDEN ENDED THEIR 19 DAY VACATION AND UNOFFICIAL VISIT IN BRAZIL ON JANUARY 16, 1978. THE ROYAL COUPLE SPEND TWO DAYS IN RIO DE JANEIRO AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL ON DECEMBER 29, 1977, THEN TRAVELED TO THE SAO PAULO AREA WHERE THEY VACATIONED WITH RELATIVES OF THE QUEEN, UNTIL JANUARY 12. ON JANUARY 12 THEY HAD A PRIVATE MEETING IN BRASILIA WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL. FOLLOWING THE COURTESY CALL ON GEISEL, THEY TRAVELED TO MANAUS, IN THE AMAZON, WHERE THEY CLOSED OUT THEIR VISIT.

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3. FROM THE BEGINNING AND THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY, THE KING AND OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ON BOTH SIDES STRESSED THE PRIVATE NATURE OF THE VISIT. THE KING TOLD PRESS THAT UNDER SWEDISH LAW HE COULD NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WITH GEISEL.

4. QUEEN'S BRAZILIAN ORIGINS GENERATED SUBSTANTIAL PRESS

ATTENTION AND NUISANCE FROM THE OVEREAGER PRESS CORPS FOR THE ROYAL COUPLE WHO WERE TRYING TO KEEP VISIT AS PRIVATE AS POSSIBLE. THE KING RECEIVED ONE BAD PIECE OF PUBLICITY WHEN BRAZILIAN PAPERS CARRIED THE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM SEND TO THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR PROTESTING THE KING'S PARTICIPATION IN A HUNT FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES IN AMAZONAS. THE TELEGRAM WAS SENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF A BRAZILIAN WILDLIFE PROTECTION GROUP AND CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH THE KING'S DECEMBER 29 STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WISHED TO SEE AND ADMIRE AMAZON, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE IS HEAD OF THE SWEDISH BRANCH OF A WORLD WILDLIFE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

5. COMMENT. SCANDINAVIAN DIPLOMATS IN BRASILIA NOTED THAT THE KING WAS A DIFFICULT VISITOR FOR HIS EMBASSY AND OFTEN COMPLAINED ABOUT BOTH SWEDISH AND BRAZILIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS VISIT AND ABOUT THE UNWELCOME NUMBER OF PEOPLE HE WAS EXPECTED TO MEET, BRAZILIAN AFFECTION FOR THE QUEEN HELPED SOFTEN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE CRITICAL OF THE COUPLE. END COMMENT.  
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